



Dennis Venzke

March 14, 1939 - October 21, 2014

The funeral service for Dennis Kermit Venzke of Wadena will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Friends may call on Friday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. Dennis passed away unexpectedly at the age of 75, on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at Tri-County Healthcare in Wadena.

Dennis was born to Kermit and Clara (Gesell) Venzke on March 14, 1939, in Bertha, MN. He graduated from high school in Robbinsdale with the Class of 1957. He served honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1961. While stationed at the Wadena Air Force Base he met the love of his life, Lorraine Boyer, and they were married on November 29, 1958. They made their home in Wadena, where they raised their children, Pamela, James and David. Dennis started in the insurance business in 1962, and retired in 2003.

Dennis was an avid snowmobiler and member of the Trail Breakers Snowmobile Club, and loved being in the garage restoring his tractors. He was an active hunter and fisherman. Many nights he could be found playing cards at the kitchen table with his wife and anyone willing to join in! He was a member of the Wadena American Legion, served as Vice President of the Wadena Senior Center, and enjoyed being a volunteer for the England Prairie

Pioneer Club where he had served as a board member. Dennis was a dedicated member of St. John Lutheran Church where he served on many boards. His family will remember him as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents Kermit and Clara.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife Lorriane; children Pamela Pfarr of Winona; James (Kelli) Venzke of Rochester, and David (Sara) Venzke of LaCrosse, WI; grandchildren Rebekah (Mathew) Fravert, Stacey (Brandon Hamenn) Pfarr, Andrew (Janelle Meyer) Pfarr, Erica (Dustin) Mueller, Thomas, Andrea (Bobby) Crane, and Joel; great-granddaughter Jaidyn Crane; brothers Kenneth (Sandra) of White Bear Lake and Charles (Janice) of Wadena; sister Renee (Paul) Fossen of FL; and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Joel Venzke, Thomas Venzke, Bobby Crane, Andrew Pfarr, Mathew Fravert and Brandon Hemann.

Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

OCT **25.** 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
710 Franklin Ave. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

OCT **25.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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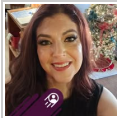
Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 23, 2014 at 12:20 PM



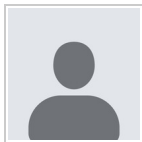
Absolutely beautiful!!!

Jennifer Clark - October 23, 2014 at 02:53 PM

CG

“ *Dave (and family) - So sorry for your loss. May God bless and comfort you in your time of grief. -Carla (Suchoski) Good*

Carla Good - October 30, 2014 at 12:17 AM



“ *Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Cindy Anderson - October 27, 2014 at 08:39 AM

MW

“ *Mark And Jodi Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Mark and Jodi Wegscheid - October 24, 2014 at 08:52 PM

EP

“ *I came to know Dennis when we moved to Wadena. We had a church league softball team St. John Lutheran Church. It was fast-pitch at that time and Dennis & I were the two pitchers. We were also in a group of friends that did many things together - the most fun being camping. Of the memories I have of Dennis, the one that will always stick with me was his laugh.*

Elroy Podratz - October 24, 2014 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Venzke.*



October 24, 2014 at 02:21 PM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



George&Julie Deiss - October 24, 2014 at 12:19 PM

JC

“ Jennifer Clark lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Venzke



Jennifer Clark - October 23, 2014 at 12:11 PM

LC

“ Larry And Ruth Clark lit a candle in memory
of Dennis Venzke



Larry and Ruth Clark - October 23, 2014 at 11:40 AM

VT

“ Vince And Mari Truax lit a candle in memory
of Dennis Venzke



Vince and Mari Truax - October 23, 2014 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ Len and I were lucky enough to ride the casino bus with Dennis and his wife...alot of good conversations and fun. Dennis called the bingo numbers with that wonderful sounding voice he had. We will remember him well and think of him so often. He was such a nice person. Heartfelt sympathy to the family and all his friends.
Len and Sally Siegler of Verndale



Len and Sally Siegler - October 23, 2014 at 01:36 AM

AK

“ Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke



Amy Kleinke - October 22, 2014 at 05:09 PM

S(

“ Sharyl Olson (Umland) lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke



Sharyl Olson (Umland) - October 22, 2014 at 03:30 PM

LM

“ *Lee & Eileen Meyers lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Lee & Eileen Meyers - October 22, 2014 at 02:34 PM

JD

“ *Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Jerry & Janice Denny - October 22, 2014 at 01:48 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Bob & Donna Haman - October 22, 2014 at 01:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Venzke.*



October 22, 2014 at 08:46 AM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - October 22, 2014 at 06:22 AM

CU

“ *Cindy Umland lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Cindy Umland - October 22, 2014 at 06:17 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



Jim Stoneman - October 22, 2014 at 05:04 AM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Dennis Venzke*



George&Julie Deiss - October 21, 2014 at 08:02 PM